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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR SCOTES

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ARMS FOR YEMEN

REF: JIDDA 1773

1. WISH DRAW YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO REFTEL. I STRONGLY AGREE WITH THE ACTION REQUESTED. BALL IS IN OUR COURT, AND I WOULD HOPE YOU COULD URGE RAPID CONCLUSION OF DOD INVESTIGATIONS OF PRICE AND AVAILABILITY ON YEMEN EQUIPMENT LIST GIVEN TO US END OF JANUARY BY SAUDIS. SAUDIS ALSO ASKED AT THAT TIME FOR ARMY STAFF COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TO AND E'S. AS POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT PRINCE SULTAN WILL VISIT SANA BEFORE ASSISTANT SECRETARY JORDAN DOES, EARLY REPLY IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT.

2. WITH OR WITHOUT INFORMATION FROM US, HOWEVER, THERE ARE NUMBER OF STEPS WHICH SAUDIS MIGHT TAKE WITH YEMENIS. DEMARCHE ALONG LINES OF SANA 811 MIGHT HELP CLARIFY SITUATION. ASSUME WE ARE STILL UNWILLING TO LET SAUDIS PUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELAY ENTIRELY ON US, AS THEIR DIPLOMATS IN SANA ARE DOING AND AS PARA 2 REFTEL SUGGEST RE SAUDI TRINING MISSION. MY CONCERN THIS MATTER HAS COMND TOHEAD SINCE WE BEGAN IN LAST FEW DAYS TO HEAR RUMORS -- ONLY RUMORS, BUT FROM HIGH SOURCES -- THAT SULTAN IS
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POSTPONING VISIT TO SANA. WE WOULDN'T WANT BLAME FOR THAT.

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